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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Richter et al.
Serial No.: 10/811,166
For: Band Clamp
Filed: March 26, 2004
Examiner: Not Yet Assigned
Art Unit: 3679
Confirmation No.: 2003
Customer No.: 27,623

Attorney Docket No.: 1825.005USX

**MAIL STOP AMENDMENT
COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**

Dear Sir:

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

We are enclosing a Supplemental Preliminary Amendment in the above-identified application.

Petition for extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.137 is hereby made if, and to the extent, required. The fee for this extension of time is calculated to be \$_____ to extend the time for filing this response until _____.

The fee for any change in number of claims has been calculated as shown below.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid	Present Extra	Rate	
Total Claims	33	Minus	20	0	x \$18.00	\$
Independent Claims	1	Minus	3	0	x \$88.00	\$
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM FEE				x \$300.00 = \$		
TOTAL FEE FOR CLAIM CHANGES				\$0.00		
1/2 FILING FEE FOR SMALL ENTITY				\$N/A		

The total fee for this amendment, including claim changes and any extension of time is calculated to be \$ 0.00 .

X The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17 which may be required with this communication or during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to **Deposit Account No. 01-0467**. A duplicate copy of this Form is enclosed.

October 20, 2004
Date



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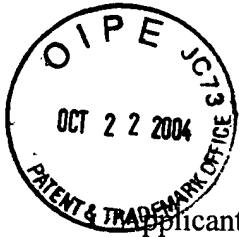
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SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits and supplemental to the preliminary amendment filed on March 26, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.